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From: Wenstrom, Michael [Wenstrom.Michael@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/11/2020 6:16:19 PM
To: Marceillars, Rochelle [Marceillars.Rochelle@epa.gov]; Byrd, Darlene [Byrd.Darlene@epa.gov]
CC: Van Der Kloot, James [vanderkloot.james@epa.gov]; Triantafillou, Kathy [triantafillou.kathy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: REQUEST: R5 is seeking CDS assistance with their East St. Louis CDS community

Rochelle -

Tomorrow, Tuesday, is totally open.

Also, Thursday, the 14th from 1-4 PM (Mtn. time) is good, as is Friday, between 9 and 11 AM (Mtn. time) will work.

From: Marceillars, Rochelle <Marceillars.Rochelle@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:53 AM
To: Wenstrom, Michael <Wenstrom.Michael@epa.gov>; Byrd, Darlene <Byrd.Darlene@epa.gov>; EJCRC Community-Driven Solutions Team <EJCRC-CDST@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: REQUEST: R5 is seeking CDS assistance with their East St. Louis CDS community

Michael,

Thank you for responding. Please send me your availability for next week and I will schedule a call to further discuss.

Rochelle

From: Wenstrom, Michael <Wenstrom.Michael@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2020 1:15 PM
To: Byrd, Darlene <Byrd.Darlene@epa.gov>; EJCRC Community-Driven Solutions Team <EJCRC-CDST@epa.gov>
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Darlene,

I have some experience with several of the R5 challenges.

Please share my contact information with the R5 POCs.

Regards,

Michael

From: Byrd, Darlene <Byrd.Darlene@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 11:43 AM
To: EJCRC Community-Driven Solutions Team <EJCRC-CDST@epa.gov>
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Good afternoon CDS,

Below is a request from our colleagues in R5 who would like to garner some advice and generate some ideas on how to help this community. I'm sure others have communities who've experienced some of the same challenges. Jim and Rochelle would like to convene a small group of people to brainstorm ideas and learn about any resources, tools and examples you've used. I'm sure the results of this conversation could be beneficial to the broader group. Please reach-out to Jim and Rochelle directly, or let me know if you'd be willing to participate in a discussion.

Have a great weekend and see the request below,
Darlene

Context:

East St. Louis is in an Environmental Justice area, Opportunity Zone, located on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River, and directly across from St. Louis. The population is about 26,345 mostly African American and mostly low-income (92%).

Asthma related emergency department visits and hospitalizations are among the highest in Illinois. The City is located next to four Superfund sites, adjacent to heavy industry, has major flooding issues and a variety of other areas of concern.

The lead partner is the City of East St. Louis. For the past 3.5 years we've reached out to several nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, State/local and other federal agencies. (see attached for full list of partners)

Challenges/Issues:

The community needs help with:

1. Educating residents and conducting indoor air quality assessments for asthma triggers in the home, childcare facilities and/or schools*
2. Flooding, sewage and standing water issues in the community and homes/mold remediation
3. Lead paint abatement
4. Vacant, deteriorated, unsafe structures in need of demolition

* Last year, We Care Clinic- SIU/E conducted 55 home visits through their ATAP (Asthma Trigger Assessment Program). About 2 years ago, EPA did IAQ assessments in public housing units (high-rise, row and single-family homes), childcare facilities and senior citizen recreation buildings. Additional homes need to be assessed and more in-depth assessments need to be conducted.

Request:

1. Is there a tool, resource and/or example someone has tried to support a community experiencing some of these same issues?
2. Are there any funding mechanisms you are aware of that I can point the community towards?

POCs:

- Rochelle Marceillars, Marceillars.rochelle@epa.gov
- Jim Van Der Kloot, vanderkloot.james@epa.gov

Darlene E. Byrd

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